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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1864.

Our friends in the country will not fail to send us the country returns by first mail after the election.

These drafts, which have carried grief and suffering into so many houses, had no doubt necessary under the circumstances, but their necessity might have been avoided as well as not, and better than not. Such a necessity should never have existed, and for Mr. Lincoln's lack of judgment or patriotic orit, or both, it would not have existed. If he had not, with a folly or depravity that was well immortalized him, ordered all the troops to stop when they were marching with an enthusiasm almost mad, to fight for the country; if he had not by his weak, silly, unpatriotic, and absurd management of the troops raised, caused the loss, by hardship and pestilence and battle, of immenrable multitudes that might and should have been saved, if he had not wickedly perverted the true and only legitimate purpose of the war into an infamous effort to secure the votes of rebel States for his own re-election to the Presidency by scattering our arms over an almost limitless extent of territory and exposing them to defeat and triple and quadruple destruction; and if he had not, by his radical and sweeping and destructive policy toward the South, morally exasperated the whole population of that section and driven all between 15 and 35 into the rebel service, exciting simultaneously the rage of the unanimous South and disgusting more than half of the North, we say, if he had not done these things, voluntary or unwilling, with all the skill and art with which they needed, and with all the energy that a draft would never have been heard of in the land. The drafts are to all intents and purposes Lincoln drafts. Lincoln and his party are responsible for them and for all the woes they have caused. And the responsibility is an appalling one. It is one, which, if any hundred of the mightiest men of the world felt and realized that it justly upon their heads, would cause them to sink down out of sight into the earth.

And now, while looking to the past, we shall, if we are either wise or prudent, look keenly to the future. President Lincoln has visited our afflicated country with draft after draft, and fatuous and absurd and depraved as the policy may have been that brought these drafts upon our people, we have rejoiced to see them submitted to quickly and peaceably. But another is talked of already. And another still is mentioned as likely to come upon us. Re-elect Lincoln, endorse in November what he has done, kill him with a bullet, and then let us have a general end of conflict but with the destruction of our people. Under the malign and vicious auspices of our re-elected President, there will be even more necessary in the future than they have been in the past, and they will come thickly and more thickly, stretching out to the 4th of March, 1869. The lives of soldiers will continue to be recklessly sacrificed, our armed rebels will have to be filled up, and the draft, the conscription, will be the only means by which the work can be done. Even if the main armies of the rebels were annihilated or scattered to-morrow or to-day, we should, under the pestilent and pernicious influence and operation of the Lincoln policy, be compelled, as fast as the terms of service of the men in our own armies should expire, or the men should die or become disabled, to resort to new-conscripted and kept-in-service men, for recruitment to conflicts against the swarming hordes who are at once, and to keep down the rebellious spirit of a chafing and enraged Southern population. We exaggerate nothing in this matter. We tell the plain truth, and probably not the whole or the half of it, in regard to what we public may expect and what will most assuredly happen as draft if Lincoln be re-elected. "Tis a dark picture, but no human pencil can paint it darker than the reality will prove. The abolitionists may shut their eyes, but they shall see the truth; they may plug their ears, but they shall hear it.

And now let the people of the United States, with these considerations fairly and fully before them, decide what they will do. We should suppose, that the fiercest and most thorough-paced radical in the whole nation would take alarm, if not for his own sake for that of the country, and, regarding Lincoln and his policy with all its long and horrid train of inevitable consequences, help to elect the conservative candidate. They can aid in stopping the flow of blood and tears whilst at the same time they will be assisting to make the restoration of the glory and purity and power which in times past have made it the word's administration and the terror of Kings and Empires.

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News. **Parades.**—The Nashville train yesterday afternoon brought up a large number of wounded prisoners from the front. Among the were nine commissioned officers, one hundred and eighty-one enlisted men, five deserters, and four citizens charged with being active rebels.

The prisoners of war will be forwarded to Northern camps, and the deserters released north of the Ohio river on parole not to return during the war.

Ten deserters from the rebel army, and seven men charged with disloyalty, were received at the Lexington train. The citizens claim to foreigners. Capt. Jones will investigate their claims, and probably will release them north of the Ohio river.

The Fight at Owensville.—A despatch of 20th makes a mistake in the name of the commander and in the number of the regiment engaged in the fight with Jesse, near Owensesville.

Captain Belden, of the 1st Kentucky Cavalry, with forty men, charged the rebel command, some two hundred strong, and drove them in disorder for some distance, killing eight, wounding many, and capturing ten.

He had to leave his horse, but, as he came in, Captain Belden lost one killed and six wounded, and having exhausted his ammunition, returned to Owensesville.

Confederates in Federal Officer.—The rebels in the War Department at Washington have received a furlough from the 15th of October till the Monday after election—with promises of pay and free transportation home and back, but they must sign a pledge to vote for Lincoln, or the favor is refused.

Another device is to take a receipt for a month's salary from a clerk for one hundred and eighty dollars, when he is entitled to only one hundred and fifty dollars—the remaining thirty dollars coming out of the government and going into the party corruption fund.

Last Post from the Front.—Sheridan's advance commenced on Tuesday night on the Coosa river, near Glen Willie, eight miles west of Rome. He is pushing on by a route parallel with that of Hood, and a few miles to the east of him. No fighting of consequence had taken place.

Gen. Canby officially announces the capture of thirteen battle-flags taken from Gen. Banks during his Red river campaign. A large rebel mail taken at the same time, shows the vast despondency of the rebels of Western Louisiana.

Don't spend too much breath on Butler's rammer.—*Organ.*

We'll agree to expend a little less breath on it if you'll agree to expend a good deal more on it.

The Federal forces have been cutting down the woods between Alexandria and Manassas to stop the guerrillas. There's a Forrest in Sherman's neighborhood that should be cut down for a similar purpose.

Sue Mandy, the she-guerilla, who murders people for pasture, is said to be unimpaired. There's a nice opening for some enterprising young rebels.

Gen. Sheridan snatched victory from the jaws of defeat as the youthful David wrested the lamb from the mouth of the lion.

The late note of Connecticut is a good nutmeg. Nothing woolen about it.

War Department.—Washington, Oct. 21—10 A. M.

The following telegraph was received this morning. It contains further particulars of the battle at Cedar Creek.

Cedar Creek, Va., 11:30 A. M., Oct. 20.

To Lieut.-Gen. Grant, City Point:—We will again be favored with a green victory, I hope, by the gallantry of our officers and men.

The attack on the enemy was made about 3 P. M.

Turning each flank of the enemy the whole line advanced. The enemy after a stubborn resistance broke and fled, and were pushed with vigor.

The artillery captured will probably be over fifty pieces. This of course includes what were gained from our troops.

Some twenty hours after six thousand prisoners have been brought in; also wagons and ambulances in large numbers.

The rebels can make a dash at Fisher's Hill and, if the one is held, have to retreat during the night, leaving only a small rear-guard.

I have to regret the loss of many valuable officers killed and wounded, among them Colonel James Thorburn, commanding a division of Crook's command; Col. Howard Kucher, commanding a brigade, and Col. Edward Kucher, commanding a division in Army, both wounded severely, but not lost the field.

New York, Oct. 20.

The Commercial, in its money article, says that in view of the recent victories and indications of the financial policy of the government will be proposed next Congress. The whole machinery of finance has the enemy in full control, and it is proposed to put such embarrassing fluctuations in the commerce of the country, that Congress will be called on to re-enact the law.

The National banks are not satisfied with the conditions by which Congress has regulated their action, and at their meeting last evening voted to call a national convention for protecting their interests.

The Post has a great many details in its Washington special.

The medical director reports 770 slightly wounded have reached Winchester from the field. All the wounded that are able to bear transportation will be forwarded immediately to Martinsburg.

The telegraph line is now in working order to Atlanta, but no late reports have been received by this department.

E. M. STANTON, Secy. of War.

New York, Oct. 21.

Fifteen men of Col. McArthur's colored regiment, under Lieut. John L. Moore, were attacked, near Fort Donelson, by 280 guerrillas.

Three charges were leveled upon the rebels, leaving forty killed and wounded on the field, and the others, who had been captured, were released.

The Richmonders, who had been captured at the battle of Shiloh, were released.

General Lee's official report of Mosby's operations on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, says he captured a locomotive and ten cars, two teams, horses, and mules, and the prisoners were two paymasters, with \$16,000.

The Confederate Congress will assemble at Richmond on Friday.

New York, Oct. 21.

A letter from Gen. Butler's headquarters to the Palmetto, in which he gives an account of the rebels' atrocities and murders committed on Union soldiers, the facts being gathered from the exchanged Union, officers and men, and the rebels' statements according to the accounts of several officers and surgeons, the conduct of a portion of the rebel troops, subsequent to the engagement at Shiloh, was under investigation, and were twenty-four, near the scene of the battle, were twenty-three wounded negroes of the 1st colored cavalry, fifteen in one and eight in the other, all these were captured, and these rebels, by the rebel soldiers, and these finds in human form boasted while doing this hellish deed that they had captured the negroes.

They claimed to have buried one hundred and twenty-five colored soldiers, of whom most all must have been slain in the same manner.

The Post's Washington special says.

Persons who have arrived here to fight from the front, and who witnessed the battle, say that the rebels completely violated every rule of war.

The rebel forces were scattered and fled in confusion, abandoning their own artillery and all their supplies.

Sheridan has already pushed on for a distance of ten miles in pursuit of the enemy. He has taken all the fortifications, and is rapidly moving on, with all contingencies, and is to be heard from again.

The Commercial's Washington special continues the following: A military commission has been trying a case of shoddy found in soldiers' clothing.

The rebels' special correspondent with Gen. Sheridan on the 19th sends the following, in reply to the World's special:

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